I'VE BEEN MEANING TO *TRY* THIS *TRICK* FOR A WHILE NOW...

...ALTHOUGH I WOULD'VE *PREFERRED* LESS DRAMATIC CONDITIONS!

UNNGH!

HERE WE GO--I SURE HOPE THIS WORKS!

YEE-HA! ALL I NEED IS A SMALL LANDSTRIP AND MY SPEED WILL GET ME BY!

WHOOUF!

THRUFF

:Slurp: MUH-MUST R-REST...

Harumph!

:Gasp: :Wheeze:

WHAT HAPPENED?

SONIC ESCAPED... TEMPORARILY!

GROWWR! SNARL!

HE'S DOWN THERE...ON THE RIVERBANK!

HURRY, MEN! LET'S WORK OUR WAY BACK THROUGH THE CATACOMBS. WE CAN STILL ***CAPTURE*** THAT MUTINOUS SWINE--***COME ON!***

GOTTA KEEP GOING...HAVE TO-- ESCAPE TO PROVE-- INNOCENCE...

GOTTA GET BACK TO...

--"KNOTHOLE!"

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

HAS INDEED BETRAYED YOU!

BUT DESPITE WHAT YOU'RE ALL THINKING, KING ACORN *HAS NOT!*

FOR *THIS* IS ANYTHING *BUT* YOUR BELOVED SOVEREIGN...

BEEP!

WHAROOM

HOW EASILY YOU WERE FOOLED BY A ROBOT DUPLICATE OF THE KING!

KTANG-DANG-CHANG

:Gasp:

OH, NO!

YOU FAT FIEND!

SILENCE! BEFORE I HAVE YOU ALL VAPORIZED!

AH, BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY!

I'D MUCH RATHER SEE YOU PERISH ALONG WITH ALL THE REST OF THE REPULSIVE, NON-ROBOTIC RESIDENTS OF THIS PLANET!

AND SO, I'LL ALLOW YOU MISCREANTS TO LIVE -- FOR A SHORT WHILE...

...UNTIL MY LATEST AND MOST POWERFUL WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION IS FULLY FUNCTIONAL!

THEN EVERY LIVING THING ON MOBIUS WILL BE ANNIHILATED INCLUDING YOUR PRECIOUS MONARCH, WHO'S BEING ATTENDED TO AS I SPEAK...

MEANWHILE IN ROBOTROPOLIS...

I'VE DONE EVERYTHING YOUR EVIL MASTER DEMANDED...

ALMOST EVERYTHING...

NOT QUITE, Dr. QUACK. GIVE ME THE DOCUMENTATION!

DEATH CERTIFICATE

NAME

ACORN, Sally Elisha

MUCH BETTER!

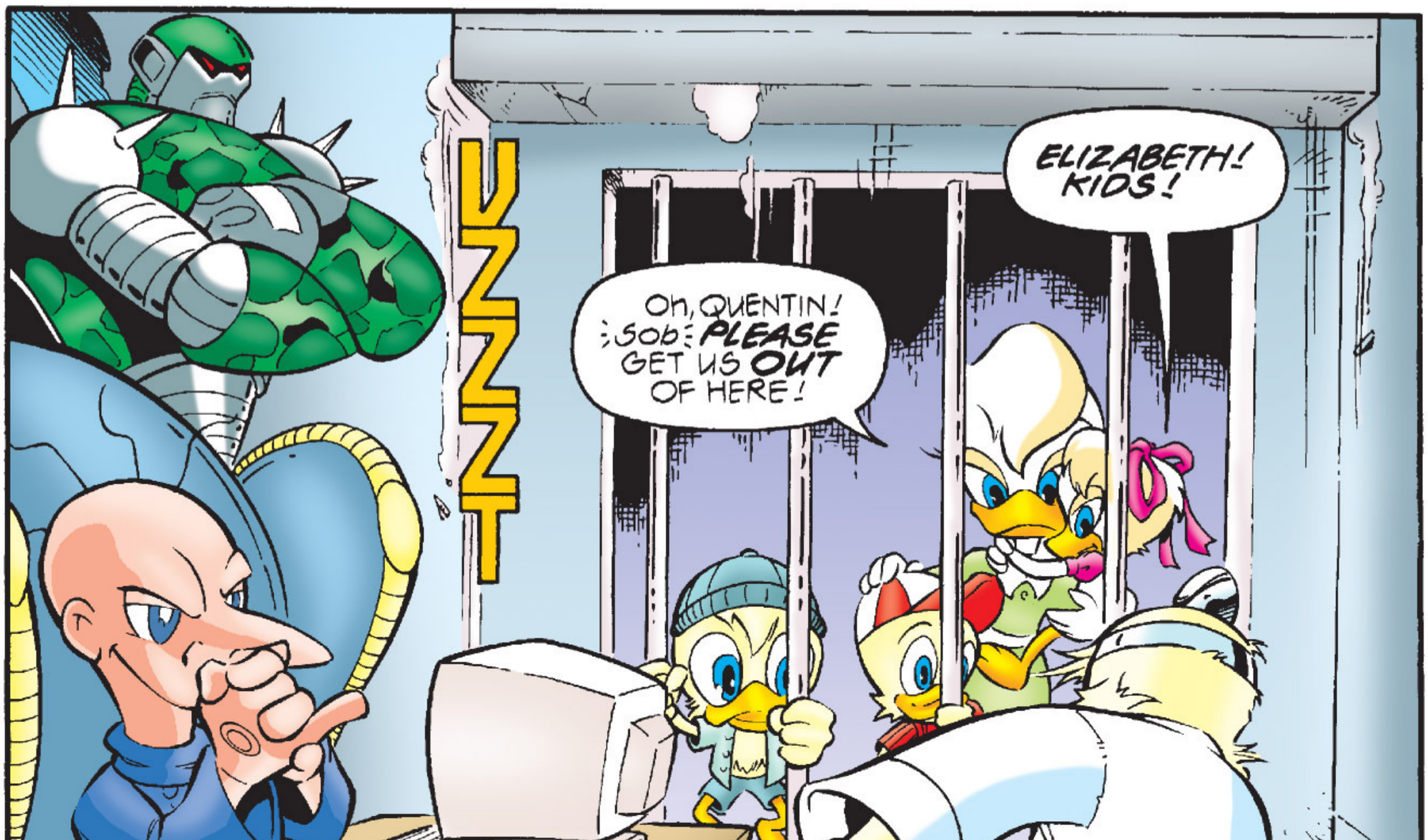
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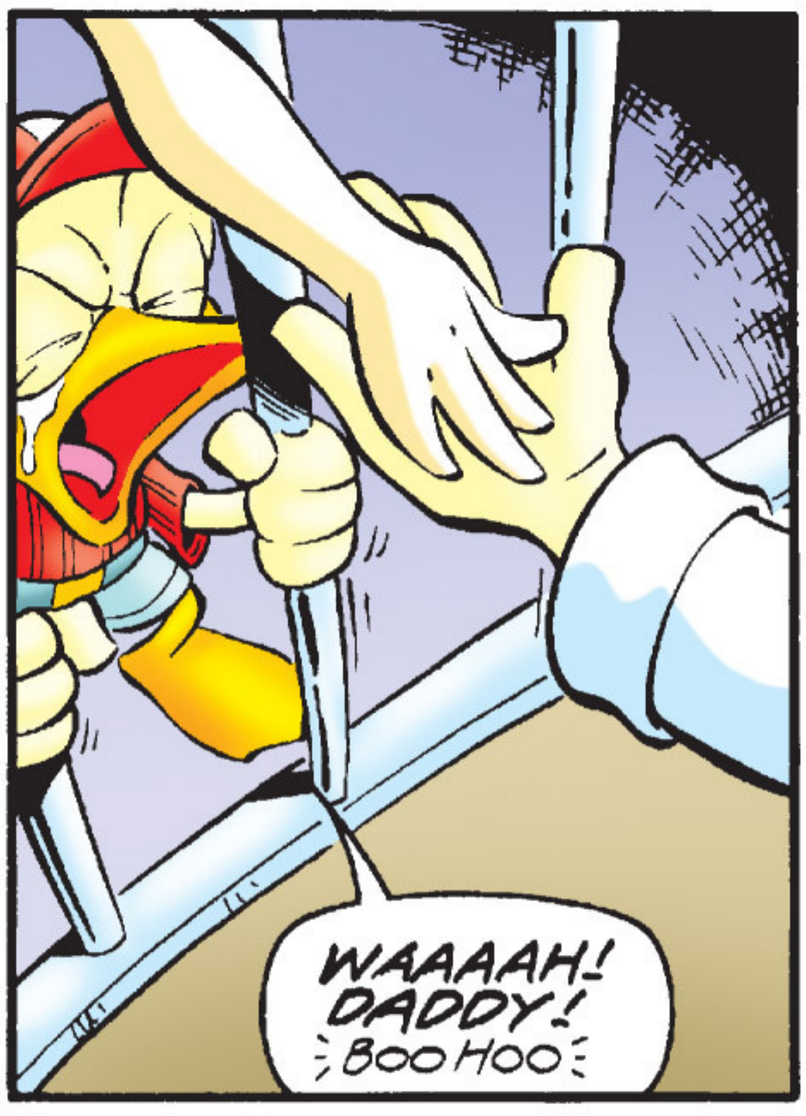
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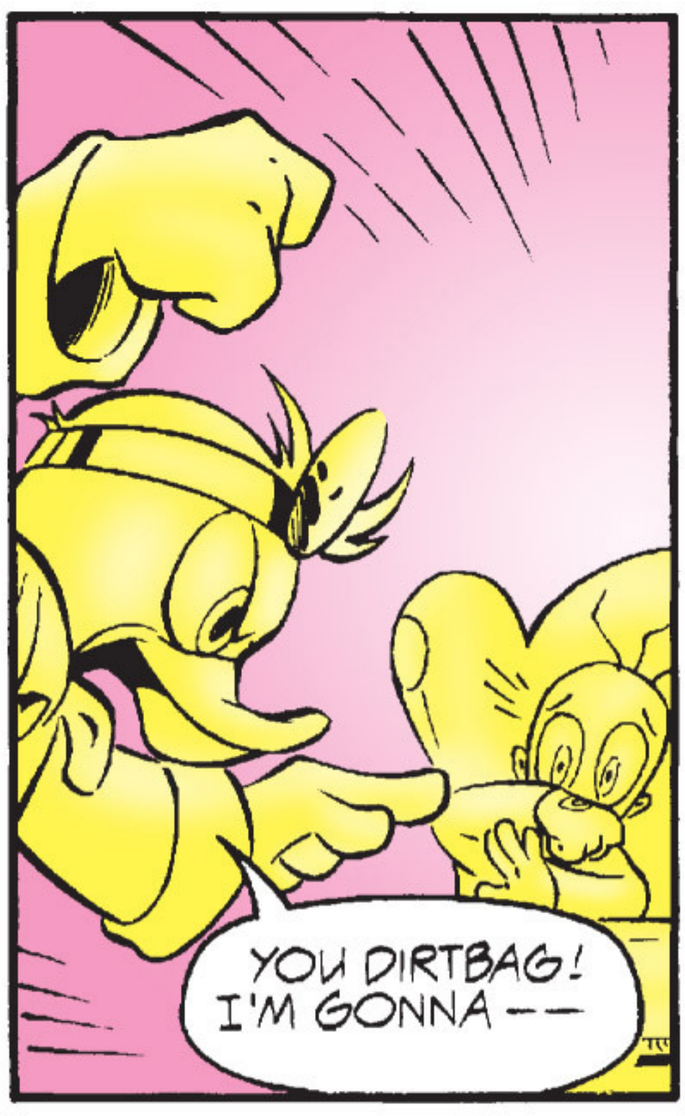
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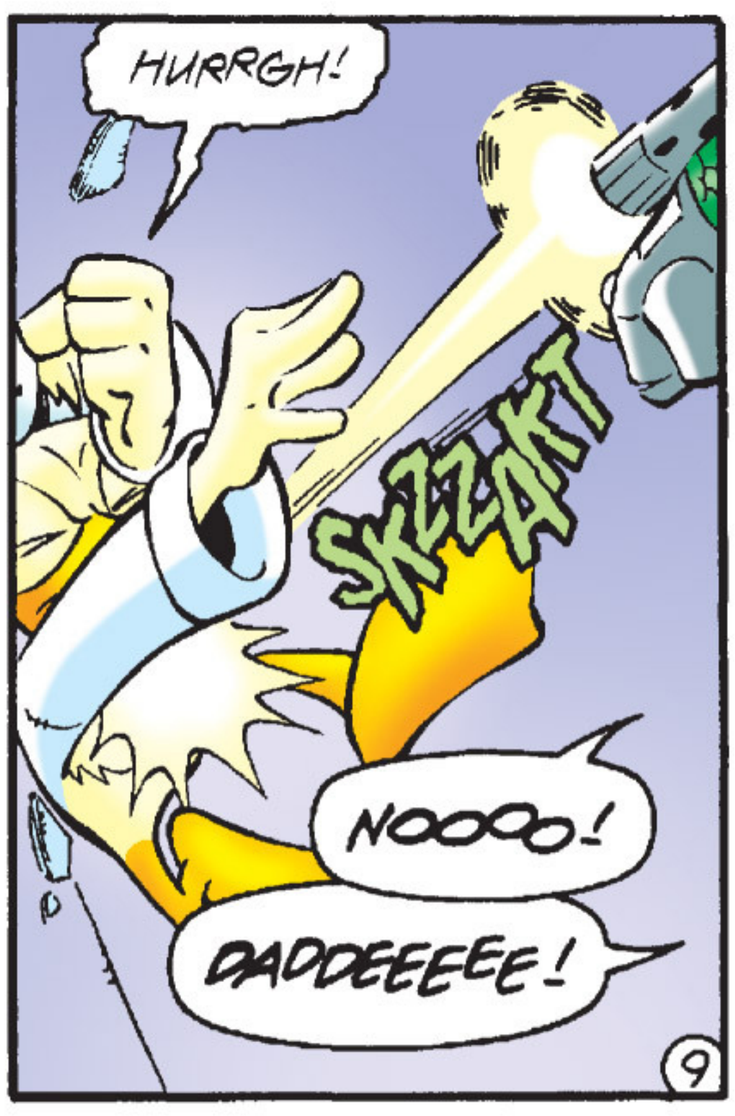
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PERHAPS THIS WILL TEACH YOU SOME RESPECT!


VVZZT
ELIZABETH! KIDS!
Oh, QUENTIN! ;sob; PLEASE GET US OUT OF HERE!


WAAAAH! DADDY! ;BOO HOO;


YOU DIRTBAG! I'M GONNA --


HURRGH!
SKZZAKT
NOOOO!
DADDEEEEE!

:Choke: Ruh-ROBOTNIK P-PROMISED ,,, :koff-koff: Suh-SAID THEY'D BE Ruh-RELEASED IF I Fuh-FALSIFIED,,,

CLICK

:wheeze:

AND THEY *WILL* DOC,,, AFTER YOU DO US *ANOTHER* FAVOR! UP YOU GO!

IF YOU *REFUSE* YOU WILL HAVE ANOTHER *D.O.A.* ON YOUR HANDS,,, ONE YOU'VE *SEEN BEFORE!*

YOU REMEMBER OLD *STONEFACE* HERE, DON'T YOU?

:Gasp: *THE KING!*

YOU WILL *OBEY* MY INSTRUCTIONS *TO THE LETTER*, DOC,,, THAT IS, IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE YOUR FAMILY *AGAIN!*

:Sigh: *YES,* Mr. SNIVELY,,,

AND BACK TO SONIC...

:huff-puff: KNOTHOLE'S JUST OVER THAT--Oh, WHAT'S THE USE?

I'M TOO TIRED AND THEY'RE **NOT** GONNA GIVE UP COMING AFTER ME!

HOW MUCH **LONGER** IS THIS GOING TO DRAG ON...?

"DRAG ON"--**THAT'S** IT!

Huuuuhhh!

Fweee

VIBRATING HIS VOCAL CHORDS AT A SPEED UNATTAINABLE BY ANY OTHER LIVING CREATURE, SONIC EMITS A HIGH-PITCHED WHISTLE--

ONE THAT CAN ONLY BE HEARD BY...

YOU CALLED?

DULCY! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!

YOU KNOW I'D *NEVER* HURT SALLY! YOU'RE THE *ONLY* CHANCE I'VE GOT TO PROVE MY INNOCENCE! *PLEASE*, DULCY!

A DRAGON CAN *SENSE* THE PURITY OF TRUTH, SONIC... I *BELIEVE* YOU! WHAT CAN I DO?

YOU CAN GET ME *OUT* OF HERE AND FLY ME TO buzz-hmm-wssper...

AS YOU WISH, TRUE BLUE! UP... UP...

...AND AWAAAY...

NOOO!

AARGH! MISSED HIM BY A WHISKER!

SPLAT!

THIS ISN'T OVER, HEDGEHOG! I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF MOBIUS!

AND IT WILL BE EASY, TOO... BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL WEARING THE SHACKLE THAT CONTAINS MY TRACKING DEVICE!*

ROWWR!

AROOOO!

*AS YOU KNOW FROM LAST ISH--Know-it-all EDITOR.

MEANWHILE IN HERSHEY'S COTTAGE...

THIS IS HORRIBLE!

Ah, YOU'LL MAKE A FINE LOOKING DUKE OF MOBIUS, DRAGO MY BOY!

DID YOU HEAR ME? THE PRINCESS WAS KILLED!

SLAP

THAT'S RIGHT, TOOTS! AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID IT!

N-NO! IT CAN'T BE! I...Y-YOU TOLD ME I WAS HELPING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THAT EVIL SNIVELY WAS CLIMBING DOWN THE ROPE--

HA! LIKE THEY SAY, "THERE'S A SUCKER BORN EVERY MINUTE." YOU JUST HAPPENED TO BE COMING ALONG AT THE RIGHT TIME, KIDDO!

PUT THE HEAD BACK ON AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT I MEAN!

EEEEEEEK!

IT'S *HIM!* B-BUT THAT'S *IMPOSSIBLE!* IT SHOULD BE *ME!*

AND YOU LOOK LIKE HIM, *TOO!* WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHAT KIND OF TREACHERY IS *THIS?*

THE BEST KIND-- *ROBOTNIK'S!*

SEE THESE EYEPIECES? THEY CONTAIN *OPTIC IMAGE REFRACTORS.* NO MATTER WHO YOU LOOK AT, IT APPEARS TO BE SNIVELY!

SO WHEN YOU CUT THE ROPE YOU *THOUGHT* SNIVELY WAS DANGLING FROM, YOU *REALLY* DROPPED PRINCESS SALLY TO HER *DEATH!*

HAHAHAAA! YOU WERE EASY TO DUPE, SUGAR! AND NOW ROBOTNIK WILL *REWARD* ME WITH A KINGDOM OF MY *OWN* WHEN HE *TAKES OVER MOBIUS!*

:choke: NO-HO-HO- *HOOOO...*